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Demand under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a fall in the demand for work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government increase the demand under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) and (b): There are variations in demand for work from year to year, but there is no steady decline. The MGREGA is a demand driven programme and the demand for work itself is influenced by various factors such as rain-fall pattern, availability of alternative and remunerative employment opportunities outside MGNREGA and prevailing unskilled wage rates. The State/UT-wise details of households provided employment as demanded by job card holders under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) during the last three years is at Annexure.

(c): The Government is actively engaged with State Governments in establishing systems that ensure provision of work as per demand, transparency and accountability. To generate awareness about the provisions of the Scheme and to provide adequate employment opportunities to rural households under MGNREGA, the States/UTs have been requested for the following:

(i) Initiate appropriate IEC campaigns including wall paintings for wide dissemination of the provisions of the Act.

(ii) Expand scope and coverage of demand registration system to ensure that demand for work under MGNREGA does not go unregistered.

(iii) Organize 'Rozgar Diwas' periodically to capture latent demand under the programme and to disseminate awareness about the provisions of the Act.

(iv) Formulation of a specific plan to include special categories of vulnerable people viz. persons with disabilities, primitive tribal groups, nomadic tribal groups, de-notified tribes etc.

(v) Organisation of workers into labour groups to ensure powerful demand-side pulls for improving performance of MGNREGA.

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